



**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED  
EXAMINING GROUP 1600  
PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 08702.0071-00000**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
KIM et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1654  
Application No.: 09/687,281 ) Examiner: J. Harle  
Filed: October 13, 2000 ) Confirmation No.: 9127  
For: INJECTABLE CARRIER ) **Mail Stop RCE**  
FORMULATIONS OF )  
HYALURONIC ACID )  
DERIVATIVES FOR DELIVERY )  
OF OSTEOGENIC PROTEINS )

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

In response to the Final Office Action mailed October 19, 2004, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, the period for response having been extended to March 19, 2005 by a request for extension of two (2) months and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims at page 2.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the claims sections of this paper on page 7.